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Ghost Ship Sighted on Lake George, NY?

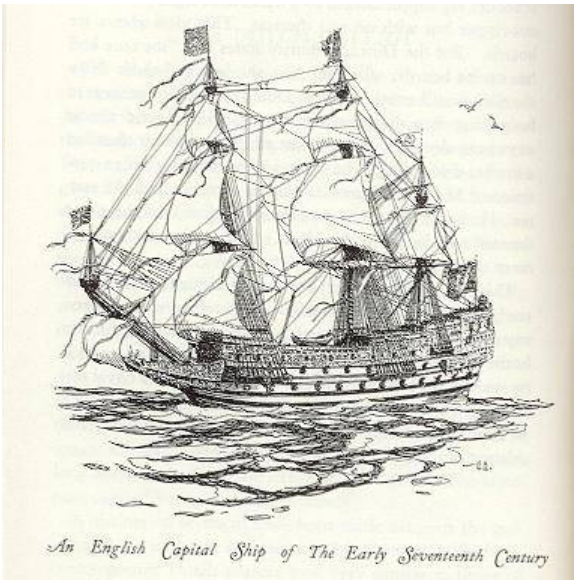
Bob and Mary Ann are regulars when it comes to boating on Lake George. Located in upstate New York, this spectacular lake is 32 miles long and anywhere from one to three miles wide. Bob is the "captain" of their "ship" and on the weekends when the weather is nice, their boat, the "Seamard," can be seen weaving its way in and out of the many coves Lake George holds.

Although the lake has had its shared of unusual events, such as wild weather, a cruise boat sinking, and the occasional overturned sail boat, it was on Sunday, May 27th of this year that Bob and Mary Ann experienced something even more unusual... "strange" would be a better word.

It was Sunday, May 27th at approximately 5 p.m. After some rain, Lake George became cloudy and somewhat foggy. The lake was very still - no wind or rain, but dark. Under these conditions, Bob and Mary Ann witnessed what seemed to look like a Pirate Ship of centuries ago. As they were pulling away from their dock, Mary Ann pointed to a rather unusual boat and said to Bob, "That looks just like a Pirate ship." Bob said, "I was just thinking that."

The ship was a distance away, so they could not see who (if anyone) was aboard. The ship looked brown in color, square rig with tethered sails. It looked antique and was moving very, very slowly -- if at all. Could it have been a Ghost Ship? That is just what Bob and Mary Ann thought. They both claim that it was a unique experience for neither of them had seen anything quite like this "square rigged" ship before.

During the French and Indian War in the 1700s, Britain and France were battling for control of North America. Both sides used the inland waterways to try and out maneuver the other's army. Lake George in upstate New York was one such waterway which today holds many sunken British vessels. Whether or not any of the British "boats" were square-rigged vessels is not able to be determined as of this writing, but the above account received from Mary Ann and Bob makes one wonder if there might, indeed, be a "ghost



ship" roaming the waters of Lake George. Lake Champlain has its reported "Champ," similar to Nessie of Scottish fame. Could Lake George boast another type of phenomenon ... a ghost ship from the French and Indian War?

If anyone has more information to share on this subject, please contact IRAAP so we can explore this matter further. ...

Silver Cliff Orbs
… a cemetery phenomenon

Silver Cliff is a small town, pop. 589, located in the Wet Mountain Valley in south-central Colorado in Custer County. Located along State Highway 96 at an elevation of 7,982 feet, Silver Cliff has spectacular views of the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains and retains a small-town atmosphere.

There are legends of "ghost lights" to be seen in and around the cemeteries of Silver Cliff. My daughter, Theresa, who lives in Boulder, CO, decided to see about these lights for herself. On July 7 of this year, Theresa and four girlfriends made the trip to Silver Cliff. The women were all in their 20s, except for Theresa who is in her early 30s. At 11 PM they found themselves in the Protestant cemetery and stayed there until around the stroke of midnight.

Nothing. Not one light.

After midnight, they all moved to the Catholic cemetery. The night air was a little cool, and looking out

(SILVER CLIFF... on page 11)

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UFO science key to halting climate change: former Canadian defense minister

Wed Feb 28, 1:04 PM ET

A former Canadian defense minister is demanding governments worldwide disclose and use secret alien technologies obtained in alleged UFO crashes to stem climate change, a local paper said Wednesday.

"I would like to see what (alien) technology there might be that could eliminate the burning of fossil fuels within a generation ... that could be a way to save our planet," Paul Hellyer, 83, told the Ottawa Citizen.

Alien spacecrafts would have traveled vast distances to reach Earth, and so must be equipped with advanced propulsion systems or used exceptional fuels, he told the newspaper. Such alien technologies could offer humanity alternatives to fossil fuels, he said, pointing to the enigmatic 1947 incident in Roswell, New Mexico -- which has become a shrine for UFO believers -- as an example of alien contact.

"We need to persuade governments to come clean on what they know. Some of us suspect they know quite a lot, and it might be enough to save our planet if applied quickly enough," he said.

Hellyer became defense minister in former prime minister Lester Pearson's cabinet in 1963, and oversaw the controversial integration and unification of Canada's army, air force and navy into the Canadian Forces.
He shocked Canadians in September 2005 by announcing he once saw a UFO.

[Source: Yahoo News posted February 28, 2007 Agence France Presse]
(Thanks to Nick Cecot for submitting this article)

2006 Bigfoot Sightings in the Lake George Quadrangle

by Marian Ross

Lake George is a popular tourist destination in New York State. It is situated in the Lake George Quadrangle, a measurement of local mountain ranges for hikers and those that need to see the topography of the area. It is just "over the mountain" from Whitehall, New York where there have been numerous Bigfoot sightings.

During 2006 the Bigfoot sightings continued. In early spring, two residents of Clinton County (NY) were near Sabbath Day Point on Rt.9N, just north of the village of Lake George. They heard unidentified vocalizations 300 feet away. The sounds were not human. The witnesses described the vocalizations as "sing - song" in nature with changes in pitch and fluctuation. In late May, hikers saw a seven-foot tall, hairy creature cross an unpaved road northwest of Lake George. The sighting was near the trailhead to the Hudson River Gorge.

On June 10, 2006, also northwest of Lake George, witnesses saw a large, hairy creature seven miles down Northwoods Club Road in Minerva, New York. The sighting took place in the late morning. In the fall, vocalizations were reported near Buck Mountain, close to Lake George village.

So far this summer, I've made two trips to the Lake George Quadrangle. Both trips were uneventful in terms of seeing a Bigfoot, but I did get a beautiful hike culminating at a most magnificent waterfall. My next trip will be to hike into the Black Mountain area also in the Lake George Quadrangle.

(Source: Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization)

Alien Abductions
Have we missed the point?

- Ray Cecot, Organizational Director

Back in the early 1970s, when my interest in the UFO topic began to really take off, one of the things that intrigued me were the reports of women who felt as if they were pregnant, and later found that the pregnancy mysteriously disappeared.

I bring this up because I have not been finding much on this topic lately, as with the subject of alien abductions, in general. This makes me wonder if this phenomenon is still taking place in UFO abduction scenarios. Regardless, let me relate one that is already in the annals of UFO literature.

In 1977, **Kathie Davis**, an Indiana housewife, saw a light about the size of a baseball floating around in her backyard. The time was about 9:30 p.m. She went outside to look for the light, searching about ten minutes, but not being successful, decided to go to a friend's house for a moonlight swim. When she arrived at her friend's house, the time was 11 p.m. An hour and a half of her life was not accounted for.

It was not until later that Kathie remembered an abduction experience, this after coming home from her friend's and experiencing a chill and a fogging of her vision. Neighbors recalled seeing a flash of light that night and felt their houses vibrate, similar to an earth tremor.

Kathie recalled being given a gynecological examination ... by alien beings. Budd Hopkins holds the opinion that she was impregnated by the aliens. A few months later, Kathie was again abducted and under this "alien" procedure, felt a kind of pressure inside her. Later, under hypnosis, she cried out, "It's not fair. It's mine." Apparently, a fetus was removed.

Her dreams began to be more that ordinary. In some of them she gave birth to a weird-looking, super-intelligent being that seemed to be a hybrid of alien and human. Kathie continued to have disturbing dreams, and years later was once again abducted to be shown a child that she recognized as her daughter. (1)(2)

It would seem that this type of abduction related experience is not uncommon. But there is another experience reported that is similar, yet different from the phantom pregnancy. This is the removal of ova and sperm from human abductees for a purpose of laboratory fertilization. Some call this the "hybridization" program of the aliens. The above mentioned Kathie also reported this type of abduction taking place in 1983. She claimed that in 1986 she was abducted again and was shown two elf-like infants. The aliens told her that these were her children. According to the aliens, they had nine of her offspring. (3)

Kathie is only one of many women who have had this experience. In the case of men, there are reported instances both of men being abducted to have sex with alien females or to have sperm taken from them. In both instances, there appeared to be a union of alien and human genes to produce some sort of hybrid. John E. Mack supported the alien hybrid project theory.

Where are these hybrids today? Kathie's children would be in their 20s and 30s now that we are in the year 2007. Have they been integrated into our society or have they died because they were not able to cope with our Earth conditions, be they atmospheric, biological or even psychological?

Nick Pope in his book "The Uninvited" (©1997 Dell Publishing) tells us that he has noticed 14 points that quite often occur in an abduction experience. It is not that all 14 points are necessary, but in his research, he uncovered 14 items that, he claims, in some way relate to an alien abduction.. Whether or not these items are accurate is something that would need to be further investigated. However, they are mentioned here for the purpose of discussion. More detail about each can be found in Pope's book, mentioned previously.

1. Abductees are less likely to be in a stable relationship.

2. With road abductions, no other cars are seen immediately prior to the event.

3. Interference with a car radio or household electrical equipment is frequently reported.

4. Interference with the vehicle, itself, is often reported with road abductions.

5. "Missing Time" is the most common indicator that an abduction may have occurred.

6. Memories of abductions can sometimes surface in a disguised form, in dreams.

7. "Screen Memory." Described as when an abductee sees an alien, but perceives it as something more familiar (e.g. cat or owl).

8. Many abductees report "strange scars" which cannot be accounted for.

9. Situations in which abductees find themselves are "masked" as something other than what the events really are. This is similar to "screen memory" except that one's surroundings are perceived as different, rather than the aliens, themselves.

10. Aliens are seen using devices of some sort (such as a short rod) which can manipulate the abducteee in some fashion.

11. Human beings have been reported assisting aliens with certain procedures (e.g. medical).

12. Many abductees claim to have an "implant" placed by the aliens somewhere on their body.

13. Abductees often sense their captors as being of the opposite sex. Nick Pope further states that more investigation is needed on this topic, especially with regard to gay abductees.

14. The showing of apocalyptic images is another common occurrence with an abduction.(4)

I recall many writers pursuing the topic of alien abductions over the years, but the material on this subject seems to have lessened. Is the alien abduction phenomenon

still in full swing or has it abated to some degree? Are alien abductions still taking place, at all? Perhaps the aliens have completed their work on their hybridization program. Perhaps the program was unsuccessful.

Regardless, we humans do not seem to be very concerned about the fact that many people have reported being taken by extraterrestrial beings. The news media laughs, politicians won't touch the subject (and those who did, have been stonewalled by mountains of red tape). What I find so intriguing about this topic is that it isn't even being investigated by mainstream science. This, a phenomenon that has been global in nature, and even more, may have global consequences.

Opinions on this topic would be appreciated and will be shared by means of this newsletter, so if any readers would care to send in their thoughts (or experiences) on this matter, it would be helpful. As always, with any personal experiences, names will not be mentioned.

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[After writing the above article, I came across a piece in the Parade magazine supplement to my Sunday newspaper, August 5, 2007. The lead article in Parade was entitled **"Why America needs to explore space"** by Neil deGrasse Tyson.

As readers of this newsletter know, one of my mantras is the fact that man landed on the moon July 20, 1969, and we have not pursued serious lunar investigation since. All the talk about using the moon as a base for further Solar System exploration went by the wayside. All the hoopla about setting up bases on the moon to benefit mankind fell into silence. Our moon is virtually forgotten. What is wrong with this picture?

We humans are explorers and adventurer by nature. From our hunter-gatherer days we have been nomadic, looking for new ways to do things, finding a thrill in seeking out answers to our problems. When Columbus landed in America, it took only a few years to set up colonies and have people move from one land to another. When the first automobile hit the roads, it wasn't very long before there were hoards of horseless carriages roaming the highways. After the Wright brothers successful flight, soon there were passengers flying the friendly skies.

So what happened that we totally ceased our lunar flights?

Neil deGrasse Tyson's article reminds us that space exploration is not only important, but a necessity. If we as a nation no longer see space as a means of expanding our horizons, there are plenty of countries out there who are ready to jump on board. China launched its first manned space mission in October 2003. Now it is setting its sights on the moon.

There is a growing interest in space exploration from many developing countries around the world, including Kenya. Soon these countries will have surpassed anything that the United States has accomplished in space and they will be the ones to reap any reward for their efforts. Frankly, the United States has dropped the ball and that fumble will be picked up by someone else.

One final thought - there are some who say we stopped our lunar exploration because we were not the only ones on the moon. Simply stated, extraterrestrials were there to warn us off. If other countries decide to explore the moon, we may soon have confirmation as to whether or not this theory is true. Frankly, I am looking forward to some country, any country, having a manned mission land on the lunar surface. If only for this reason. - RC]

"After all these years since I first read their story, I still find it somewhat amazing that the aliens didn't know how to operate a zipper and would have ripped Betty's dress off her if she hadn't shown them how to operate it."

From the Foreword by Dr Bruce Maccabee found in **CAPTURED! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience** by Stanton Friedman and Kathleen Marden © 2007 New Page Books

UFO Bureau Archives

from Billy Rachels
IRAAP Investigator

UFOs of the 1920s

This information was compiled from a five page article written in 1975 by researcher Lucius Farish. The reason it is included here is because many of these sightings sound as if they could have occurred in the present day, not over 75 years ago.

1. June 1920 - Clark Linch of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, saw a shiny, translucent, egg-shaped object land silently while he was out fishing. It landed about 15 feet from him. Linch is reported to have stated, "I wasn't in any hurry to jump up and run over to it, and I'm glad I didn't. It might have killed me. Just when I thought about going over to take a closer looked at it, it took off without a sound and without turning around. The grass where it hit was pressed down."

2. June 8, 1920 - Two hundred people, all of them residents of rural Rushville, MO, saw a large, cylindrical, UFO flying about 75 feet off the ground. No sound. It suddenly made a right angle turn and climbed upward into a cloud.

3. Fall of 1920 - C.B. Alves was fishing on

Drawing by Fred Leary. Used with permission.

the Gulf Coast 50 miles north of Freeport, Texas when he saw a strange disc approaching. When it was about 100 yards away from him, it turned toward the south. Directly behind the object were three identical objects (UFOs). The first and last disc glowed a brilliant pink; the second and third had a bright green glow. The objects were approximately 25 ft in diameter. No sound. The objects did not spin.

4. Summer 1922 - Five farm boys of Wellston, Ohio saw a bizarre, shape-changing light above them as they left a prayer service after dark. The object took a funnel shape and descended to earth making the surrounding area as bright as noon day. The object glowed pink and was in view for about half and hour. It then changed into a ball and rose into the sky.

5. Spring 1923 - A.W. Crandall and E.H. Greenley of Greencastle, Indiana, both young men who would eventually become professors at Depew University, saw a luminous, spinning, saucer-shaped object, deep red in color, about 500 feet from them. It was the size of a modern day airliner. No sound.

6. Winter 1923 - Several railroad workers on the north side of Beaver Falls, PA saw a cone-shaped object moving west when it flew directly over the rail yard. It disappeared in a brilliant, white flash of light. No sound.

7. June 1925 - Ray Sanders saw an egg-shaped object about 100 yards long at a distance of 600 feet. The object was multi-colored: green, white, red, and blue. He was in the country outside the city of Chicago with his wife. Time was 2:30 AM. He stopped his car and got out to look at the object which emitted red sparks from its nose. Ray felt a heat wave as the object went by.

8. July 14, 1925 - Mr and Mrs Alfred M. Slagle of Akron, Ohio saw a comet-like object at a distance of about 1,000 feet. The head of the object appeared to be blazing. The tail was a greenish blue and purple, nearly a bright was an arc welder. As it passed overhead, the object made a faint "hissing" sound and had a band of brightly lit windows around its surface. It was about 300 feet long.

9. In 1925 a man in Castilla, Spain reported seeing a strange man about 4 feet tall wearing a green suit. He had rigid arms and legs and held a small disc in his hands. The man was propelled by another, larger disc which he stood upon. The man was about 10 feet away. No words were exchanged.

10. In the summer of 1926, James Kirk of Red Bluff, California, watched a large, pear-shaped ring of blue fire moving slowly in the night sky. He observed the object while walking his seven blocks to work at two in the morning. No one else was out to see the object, at that time.

11. April 1927 - Mr Jones (a five-year old boy living in West Frankfort, Illinois at the time of the event) was on an errand to the store when he saw a large, round sphere hovering over a house across the street. The object was about 40 to 50 feet in diameter and about 100 feet away, when it began to move. It revolved from right to left. Upon returning home, the boy told his mother what he saw and was punished for making up the story. The next day he went back to the area and he found on the ground and trees a kind of oily substance.

All of the above cases, although three quarters of a century old, if they do nothing else, help rule out the Secret Aircraft Theory as the cause of UFO sightings and lends some credence to the objects being solid and metallic space vehicles from somewhere other than this planet.

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RON'S FINAL FAREWELL

[Source: Robert Hilton, Ft Wayne IN]

Introduction

I always considered that UFOs existed but I continued to have a nagging doubt in the back of my mind. All that changed one day when I found out my parents had a close encounter with a UFO, then there was no doubt, no one could sway me from believing that my parents had actually came within a close proximity of aliens. For a closer inspection see The Messenger Vol. 9, No 1 page 2 for the report as I sent it to Peter at NUFORC.

Oddly enough the very same thing occurred with my youngest daughter. She had mentioned ghosts and being afraid while she was growing up, but I just associated her conversation with the normal childhood fears that we all have experienced at one time or another.

But she is grown up now and a mother, and her concerns continue. So I asked her about it and she started telling me her stories. So along with being a ufologist I have decided to start studying ghosts and her accounts. I want to share with the reader what that wonderful gift has given her.

My daughter married a young man who loves the outdoors and motorcycles and he rode with a group on weekend trips, etc. One of the group was Ron. Ron and my daughter became very close friends; I guess that you could say that Ron was the brother that she never had.

Recently Ron moved to another part of the state but the gang got back together when they could. And then my daughter and her husband got word that Ron had died; he was riding in the rain and lost traction. My daughter was going to have a 30th wedding anniversary party. Lisa kept looking for a sign from Ron, but the time went by until the festivity without incident.

The following will be verbatim from her email without names with the exception where I have tried to make her account more easily read and understood.

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My Daughter's Account

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Ever since Ron passed, I have hoped I would see a sign that he was with me. Well it finally came.

Last Sat. morning Barb, Judy, and I was at the hall preparing for (my daughter and son-in-laws) wedding anniversary party. We had the doors locked. They were in the room, with the fireplace, hanging decorations.

I was all over the place, I had a picture of Ron that I sent to my sister that was taken with my cell phone. She played with it until she was able to get the best picture, then she printed it in an 8x10 size picture for me. I hunted until I found the perfect

frame for it, just the right candle holder & the right smelling candle. I had taken the picture, candle and holder out of the box. I was trying to decide where I was going to put them. I was in and out of the room several times. I put all three things on the first table right inside the door. On our next trip to the hall we were going to bring out a little table to put it on.

After I got it unboxed, every time I would come the big room into that room I would smell cigars. I would look around trying to figure where it was coming from. After about four times of smelling it I just gave up and kept working. When Barb and Judy were done, they came into the room where I was working. Barb says "Boy, do I smell cigars. Is somebody here with us?"

Now you could smell it around the table that had his stuff on it with about three other tables in the smell zone. I was about five tables down and out of the smell with my back to them. Up until then I was just talking, "Yes, there probably is someone here!"

I took a couple of steps towards them and it all just hit me. I was covered in goose bumps, I grabbed my mouth and I wanted to cry. They knew exactly what I was feeling by the look on my face.

I felt like I just walked right into him!

Barb could not believe how heavy the smoke was in the air. No sight, just smell. They both felt that he was there with us. (NOTE;Barb and Judy have the gift also but only Barb could smell the cigar!) After that the smell was gone and we never smelled it again.

Afterwards Dave, my son-in-law came and my daughter asked him if he smelled cigar and he said that he did not.

She then said, "That's my point. A minute ago it was here, now there's no trace." He did not believe it, which is OK, but I told him the story and he just sat there in silence.

Dad, I know it was him. I am just flooded with visions in my head of how he would stoke a cigar and laugh his laugh.

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Amazon Monster Sighted Again

by Marian Ross
IRAAP Secretary, Investigator

In what was characterized as a recent sighting, the **Mapinguary** was sighted in Karitiana (Amazon Rainforest) in 2004 by a local tribesman.

The creature, described as a 7 feet tall hairy beast, has a body so densely covered by matted hair that bullets cannot penetrate it. The name "Mapinguary" is translated to mean "roaring animal" or "fetid beast."

The tribesmen from the 29 tribes that inhabit the area are afraid of the beast. It is said to have hypnotic powers that can make a person dizzy or pass out when he encounters it. What is most interesting about this claim of special powers is that the Native Americans from the Kiameshi Mountains of Eastern Oklahoma make the same claim about a tall 7 feet hairy creature seen in their area.

Anthropologists that have investigated the Mapinguary say sightings are consistent and widespread throughout the Rainforest. One researcher took a tribesman who had seen the Mapinguary to a natural history museum in Lima, Peru. The man picked out a prehistoric ground sloth as the animal he saw as the Mapinguary in the Rainforest. The man indicated the animal did not crawl on all fours but walked on his hind legs like a human. The Mapinguary is said to roar like a wild animal.

(Source: NY Times, July 7, 2007 Larry Rother, writer)

Roswell is still not forgotten ... 60 years later

Back in July 1947 something strange happened near Roswell, NM. Anyone who is interested in the UFO phenomenon (and many who are not) know how Roswell relates to the UFO scene.

This past July was the 60th anniversary of the Roswell event and, at least, 35,000 people were there to celebrate, remember, exchange stories, and have a good time. It was dubbed the **2007 Amazing Roswell UFO Festival**. Hotels were filled to capacity and the population nearly doubled in the surrounding area, even if for only a few days.

People came to Roswell for a number of reason: some adamant believers in UFOs, some to debate the possibility that there is intelligent life "out there," some to simply party, and others to learn what they could regarding, not only Roswell, but UFOs in general. Quite a mishmash of personalities.

It does seem as if Roswell will never die. And that might be a good thing.

(Source: Rutland, Herald (Vermont) July 9, 2007 Thanks to Paul Bartholomew for sending this info in).

Loch Ness video proof?

According to an Associated Press article written by Ben McConville which appeared June 1, 2007, Gordon Holmes, a 55 year-old lab technician from Shipley, Yorkshire, took a video that shows a strange "something" moving in the waters of Loch Ness.

"I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw this jet black thing, about 45 feet long, moving fairly fast in the water," he is quoted as saying. Adrian Shine, a Nessie watcher and marine biologist, viewed the video and hopes to properly analyze it in the coming months. Shine said that it is "some of the best footage" he has seen.

Sightings of the Loch Ness creature date back to, at least, 565 A.D. when St. Columba (a founder of the Christian church in Scotland) wrote about monsters in the loch, even back then.

(Thanks again to Paul Bartholomew)

"Has intense research into UFOs, aliens, and the supernatural or supernormal been a focus of some black project? It's likely."

Merging Dimensions, the opening portals of Sedona

Tom Dongo and Linda Bradshaw
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Into the Woods with Bigfoot Researcher Steve Kulls

by Marian Ross

Bigfoot research is alive and well in upstate New York. On August 18th (2007) Ray Cecot and I had the pleasure of meeting noted Bigfoot researcher **Steve Kulls**. Since we had never met him before, we were eager to see what kind of researcher Steve would be. We waited for him at the designated rendevous point, and Steve did not disappoint us. He showed up at the specified time, wearing Army fatigues and boots. We were soon to learn how dedicated and resourceful a researcher Steve would be.

Steve took us into the Hogtown Recreation Area in west Fort Ann, New York near the resort town of Lake George.
He showed us where he cast a 15 inch footprint of a large bipedal animal only the year before (see photo). The footprint was cast in plaster and, in addition to being long, was quite wide. The animal's five toes were clearly evident. Steve cast the print on the Buck Mountain trail about two-hundred feet from a parking area.

15 inch cast of footprint by Steve Kulls

This particular area is rife with Bigfoot activity. Vocalizations of unknown animals are often reported in the surrounding forests. Steve has had his own sighting of the elusive creature. He saw the head and shoulders of a large, hairy, bipedal animal walking behind a row of reeds. Steve measured the reeds at six feet and said the head and shoulders were an additional two feet above the reeds. This would make the animal about eight feet tall.

Others report the animal as well. One man told Steve that he had fallen asleep in his vehicle at the Hogtown Recreation Area near the Buck Mountain trail. He was awakened when something pushed (bumped?) against his truck. The man tried to opened his door, but it would only open a few inches. It was then he saw a mass of fur next to his truck.

Steve cites another report from nearby Whitehall, NY by two 12 year-old boys. The boys reported they saw a Bigfoot creature near Abair Road, the 1976 scene of the legendary Abair incident where police officers saw the creature only thirty feet away. The boys felt the creature they saw was a female as they described its most defining feature as "protruding nipples."

Getting back to our expedition with Steve, we were soon to see how prepared Steve is when he is out looking for the elusive Bigfoot. He was equipped with some high-tech gadgets: a thermal imaging device, night vision binoculars, and a GPS system so as not to get lost in the Adirondack woods. Oh, and he always carries a can of bear mace to ward off anything large enough that might cause bodily harm.

We arrived at the parking area after night had fallen and soon found ourselves in what could only be described as pitch darkness. The canopy of trees sheltered us from the stars overhead. Without our flashlights, we were unable to literally see our hand in front of our face. Steve locked into his GPS system with difficulty, which does make one a bit nervous about walking into the Adirondack woods after dark, but Steve assured us he knew the trail and all would be fine. We took his word on this.

We walked on the trail and soon found ourselves seated on a large rock. Steve took out his heat sensing device and, at one point, got a strong heat signature of a large animal. However, the animal moved off before we could identify it.
Bigfoot? Maybe.

Steve believes the Bigfoot creature is kin to one of the great apes like Gigantopithecus or Australopithecus. He does not believe Bigfoot was genetically engineered by someone or is connected to the alien phenomena. He says the creature is just as curious about us as we are about it. He also feels there is a Bigfoot population numbering about thirty creatures living between Fair Haven, Vermont and the Lake George area.

What makes Steve Kulls tick is Bigfoot, pure and simple. He lives, eats, and breathes Bigfoot. Steve has his own website **squatchdetective.com** and hosts a weekly radio show on blog radio Monday nights. The website features a hotline number to report a sighting. Steve has sought the elusive creature in Texas, Tennessee, and throughout New York State.

We found Steve to be a down-to-earth guy. He is approachable and is interested in sightings by the average Joe. He has assembled a Bigfoot Boot Camp where he teaches how to forensically collect Bigfoot evidence. This information is on his website.

I highly recommend squatchdetective.com for anybody interested in the Bigfoot phenomena. If you can't find the website just put "Steve Kulls" in your search. He will pop up.

Maybe the answer to the Bigfoot mystery can be solved by the efforts of dedicated researchers such as Steve.

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Steve Kulls geared up and ready for the search.

Spooklights

The Amazing Cloverdale, Alabama Spooklight Mystery

For those of you who are interested in those elusive, orb-type objects that mysteriously float around, Wyatt Cox has written a book describing his own experiences with the phenomenon. Written in a "fireside chat" style, the book talks about Wyatt's personal adventures with "spooklights," beginning with his first in 1973. He has witnessed over 180 of the lighted orbs in his quest for answers and "maintains that powerful geophysical produced pockets of energy are responsible for the formation of these glowing yellowish-orange orbs, sometimes eight-foot in diameter."

Although not a scientific work, "Spooklights" will give you a layman's perspective on this mystery which seems to plague us in certain locations throughout the United States.

If interested in a copy of Wyatt's book, the cost is $12.95 plus shipping. More information can be obtained by going to the Ghost Research Society Press website **ghostresearch.org/press** or by writing them at:
Ghost Research Society Press
PO Box 205
Oak Lawn, IL 60454-0205
(708) 425-5163

Wyatt Cox may be contacted via email at wyattknows@yahoo.com

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Mars may still be in our future

In an article from the Toronto Star, Saturday, April 28, 2007 (written by Joseph Hall), a University of Colorado graduate student will spend four months on Devon Island in Canada's high Arctic to help simulate several key conditions of a mission to Mars.

Ryan Kobrick says that the location he has chosen for his adventure was picked because of its intense isolation aspect. The seven member crew will live in an eight-meter wide silo-like structure that Kobrick describes as "two large tuna cans stacked on top of each other."

The expedition is being funded by the international Mars Society and the conditions the crew will face should closely resemble an actual mission to our red planet neighbor. The terrain will be rocky, there is no plant life, and it is a very desolate location. Most of the time the temperatures will be below freezing. Wherever a crew member walks out of their "tuna can," a mock spacesuit will be worn, a suit that will mimic the constraints of the actual garb worn if one was actually on our sister planet.
To read crew members' blogs, go to www.fmars2007.org/blog.

Some of the stumbling blocks to a Mars visit by us humans would be:

Time: a six month trip
Supplies: an entire spacecraft filled with supplies would have to go ahead of the crew
Radiation: Solar flares could expose a crew to harmful radiation and have an impact on equipment
Spacecraft: perhaps newer technologies might help in this regard
Microgravity: A six-month journey in space at zero gravity weakens bones and muscles at the rate of 2 percent per month, even with exercise.
Communication: There is a 20 minute delay in talking with NASA based on the deep-space network.
Mars gravity: the gravitational pull on Mars is one third that of Earth.
Dust: This was a big problem for our astronauts on the Moon. It blocked vision, abraded their suits, and wore out the gears on the lunar rover. Mars would cause similar problems.
Spacesuits: Very restrictive. Scientists are looking at developing a suit that would give more dexterity.

(Thanks to Gene Duplantier of Toronto for sending in this article)

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Space Hotel to Open

It may seem crazy or just a remote possibility at the present time, but the first hotel planned for space expects to open for business in 2012.

Based on an article in The Epoch Times (Aug 16-22, 2007) a team of Barcelona based scientists say the hotel will be the most expensive in the galaxy, costing a (get this!) $4 million for a three-day stay.

The article says that guests would be able to see the sun rise 15 times a day and they would have to use Velcro suits to crawl around their pod rooms by sticking themselves to the walls.

According to the company director, Xavier Claramunt, it's the zero gravity when it comes to using the bathrooms that would be the biggest challenge. But this seems to have been overcome because guests could take a shower by having bubbles of water floating around in a spa room.

Galactic Suite, as it is being called, is being privately funded, and an American company intent on colonizing Mars has since come on board. Other private investors are also thinking about getting into the picture.

In case you are thinking that $4 million dollars for three nights is kind of expensive, the cost includes an eight week training course at a James Bond-style space camp on a tropical island.

007 … never had it that good.

(Thanks again to Gene Duplantier for this article, as well.)

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Delve into this

Gene Duplantier of Toronto, Canada often sends in newspaper articles of interest, many of which find their way into this newsletter. In Gene's latest April 2007 issue of DELVE REPORT, a compilation of newspaper articles, Gene seems to have hit the Mother load for interesting material. Here is an overview of some of the material in the latest DELVE. I hope you find it as favorable as I did.

National Post, Friday March 23, 2007 - Former Arizona governor, Fife Symington, insisted he witnessed a strange, other-

worldly event on March 13, 1997. The controversial incident has since become known as the Phoenix Lights. A large number of Arizona residents witnessed the lights and, in spite of the military's statement about setting off flares, the lights remain a mystery.

National Post, Monday April 9, 2007 - France places three decades of UFO archives online. 1,600 cases have been declassified. When the web site hosted the information and finally went live, it almost immediately crashed, there were so many "hits." [so much for UFO interest being on the decline - RC] Each incident has been categorized into one of four slots: definitely solved, likely solved, unsolved, or unsolved mystery. More than half (58%) of the phenomena remain unexplained while just 9% have been definitely figured out.
Go to the following website:
http://www.ufoevidence.org/topics/Gepan-Sepra.htm

The End of Days - The Mayans are still in the news when it comes to why they ended their calendar on December 21, 2012. Of course, there has been much speculation regarding this from numerous articles and in book format. Did they end their calendar because they were not able to finish it or is 12/21/2012 the day that something enormous calamity will end life as we know it on planet Earth? Time will tell, and if all goes well, yours truly hopes to be around on that day to see what will happen.

Sasquatch - There is a new Sasquatch video on YouTube. A man from British Columbia is reporting that he saw the creature in the Enchanted Forest near Tofino on the northwestern tip of Vancouver Island. View it for yourself on www.youtube.com under "Strange Humanoid Encounter."

Parallel Worlds - And in the realm of expanded thought, an article from the Epoch Times on March 8-14, 2007 asks: "The million dollar question is: why can't we perceive more than the three dimensions in which we live?" Now, here is something I thought about for quite some time. I first thought in this regard in terms of UFOs and why it is that one person can see a UFO and another person, only a few feet away, not see it. One of my personal theories is that if the UFO comes from a location that has more than three dimensions, we would be able to view only the three that are visible to our own eye and not the others. Perhaps one person can see the UFO because it is turned in such a way that our three dimensions are visible, but the other person cannot see it because the side facing them is out of our dimensional perspective. Much food for thought in this article.

Thanks to Gene Duplantier for a great DELVE REPORT.

From the Editor

Musings on Crop Formations

The February 2007 issue of FATE magazine has updated the crop formation phenomenon. Here is a summary of a few of the points made by Chet Snow and Rob Simone..

2006 showed a dramatic drop in English crop circles with fewer than 50 appearing for the first time since 1987. From May 21 to August 15 only 47 circles were seen. Last year there were 77 circles. Other countries, however, have not experienced the decline that Britain has seen. Germany had the most of the other countries with 20 formations. Besides Britain and Germany formations were seen in Canada, Italy, Poland, Belgium, United States, Netherlands, France, along with Hungary, Finland, Australia, Croatia, and Slovenia. Apparently the crop formation phenomenon is still in full swing.

From wormhole patterns to nested crescents the formations seem to be endless in the variety of patterns they make. However, the season finale seems to be a four-pointed "Mayan star" which appeared on August 15 in Britain.
These are the facts. Now for some of my own thoughts on this strange phenomenon.

Crop formations seem to be an enigmatic today as they were when they first appeared. Yes, they have gotten more complex and researchers have looked at them from a variety of viewpoints, but they are as problematic as ever. From magnetism, to floating balls of light near a circle, to efforts in decoding what "they" might be telling us, these formations seem to be as unsolvable as the UFO phenomenon.

They do seem to have an intelligence behind them, for Nature would be hard pressed to carve out such beautiful designs. Many researchers still hold to the idea that the formations are an important message from the aliens, the extraterrestrials, those who come from "out there."

If the aliens are, indeed, sending us a message via living plants, then why is each message so complex and different from the one before it? I ask this because with the literally hundreds of formations that have been photographed and studied, we don't have a clue what the alien message might be.

From the alien perspective, if they are sending us an important message, wouldn't it be better to repeat some of the signs in the crops, especially when they "know" that we are no closer to solving their "riddles" than we were years ago? The bottom line is that if the message is important, why is it taking "them" years to send it, and years for us to decipher it?

Or are the aliens purposely trying to get us confused? Maybe the formations have no meaning at all, just the aliens poking fun at us.

I don't mean to sound cynical about this topic which I think is an important one, but it has reached a point where the formations no longer make sense. Could they be just pretty pictures in a field, nothing more?

Besides, again from the alien perspective, why send a message in such a non-permanent medium, and just take a chance that we might stumble upon it? How many formations have we **not** seen... ones that might be the link in the message they are trying to send?

I am in no way belittling those studying formations, please believe me when I say this. I am a researcher myself. The crop formation phenomenon needs study and investigation. It is something that has been going on for years, and no matter what their origin may be (geophysical, extraterrestrial, hoax, etc.) we need to find out

what is causing them to be. Plain and simple. We do need to solve it.

It is just that I have my doubts that the formations represent a secret message from an alien (extraterrestrial) civilization. After all, it shouldn't take years for a message to be delivered, and even more, have the message be so mysterious that we are unable to know its meaning within a reasonable amount of time.

There are two ways to view the crop formation answer as aliens sending us a message:
1. The aliens think we are smarter than we actually are (we can't decipher what they are telling us).
2. The aliens are dumber than we are because they are unable to get their message across.

Either way.. We need to know what these patterns are doing in our fields. And maybe aliens are not part of their reason to be.

Ray

UP, UP, AND AWAY DEPARTMENT -

Physicists Have "Solved" Mystery of Levitation

Levitation has been elevated from being pure science fiction to science fact, according to a study reported recently by physicists. In earlier work the same team of theoretical physicists showed that invisibility cloaks are feasible.

Now, in another report that sounds like it comes out of the pages of a Harry Potter book, the University of St Andrews team has created "incredible levitation effects" by engineering the force of nature which normally causes objects to stick together.

Professor Ulf Leonhardt and Dr Thomas Philbin, from the University of St Andrews in Scotland, have worked out a way of reversing this phenomenon, known as the Casimir force, so that it repels instead of attracts.

Their discovery could ultimately lead to frictionless micro-machines with moving parts that levitate But they say that, in principle at least, the same effect could be used to levitate bigger objects too, even a person.

The Casimir force is a consequence of quantum mechanics, the theory that describes the world of atoms and subatomic particles that is not only the most successful theory of physics but also the most baffling.

The force is due to neither electrical charge nor gravity, for example, but the fluctuations in all-pervasive energy fields in the intervening empty space between the objects and is one reason atoms stick together, also explaining a "dry glue" effect that enables a gecko to walk across a ceiling.

Now, using a special lens of a kind that has already been built, Prof Ulf Leonhardt and Dr Thomas Philbin report in the New Journal of Physics they can engineer the Casimir force to repel, rather than attract.

Because the Casimir force causes problems for nanotechnologists, who are trying to build electrical circuits and tiny mechanical devices on silicon chips, among other things, the team believes the feat could initially be used to stop tiny objects from sticking to each other.

Prof Leonhardt explained, "The Casimir force is the ultimate cause of friction in the nano-world, in particular in some micro-electromechanical systems.

Such systems already play an important role - for example tiny mechanical devices which triggers a car airbag to inflate or those which power tiny "lab on chip" devices used for drugs testing or chemical analysis.

Micro or nano machines could run smoother and with less or no friction at all if one can manipulate the force. Though it is possible to levitate objects as big as humans, scientists are a long way off developing the technology for such feats, said Dr Philbin.

The practicalities of designing the lens to do this are daunting but not impossible and levitation "could happen over quite a distance."

Prof Leonhardt leads one of four teams - three of them in Britain - to have put forward a theory in a peer-reviewed journal to achieve invisibility by making light waves flow around an object - just as a river flows undisturbed around a smooth rock.

Source: The Telegraph (UK)

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Argentina: Mutilated Animals Cause Concern

ENTRE RIOS PROVINCE --Cattlemen from the department of Paraná, reported finding strangely mutilated beef cattle in the fields. The animals have had their genitals, tongues and udders removed. The circumstance repeats itself relatively frequently in rural locations of this province and occurred this time in fields near Tabossi and Viale, to the northeast of the provincial capital.

Abel Gunter, one of the affected cattlemen, described the situation as "strange" and claimed that rural dwellers are displaying "concern" and intrigue over the mysterious animal deaths.

We say that extraterrestrials are coming to mutilate our cows"

"We say that extraterrestrials are coming to mutilate our cows," said the cattleman in an interview with a local station. He insisted that there is "something odd" in the animal deaths, because dogs and wild animals in the area generally feed off of the dead cow remains, but refuse to approach the mutilated specimens.

One animal had a perfect cut on its jaw, and another had a burn on its hind leg that extends up to the knee.

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology, (Translation (c) 2007. S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Guillermo Gimenez, Planeta UFO).

[Source: Filer's Files August 15, 2007]

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into the distance, one of the girls saw an orb. It wasn't very large, but it was a distinctive shiny orb. Its color was blue, and it was hovering about 200 yards from where they sat. The orb's size was described as about the size a basketball would be at that distance. Not very large, but distinctive enough to be seen.

The women walked toward the orb, but as they got closer, it moved away, then came back to its original location as they retreated.

They saw 3 more orbs at a distance of about 100 yards, "teal blue" in color, hovering about 3 feet off the ground. The five women tried to get closer, but they encountered the same result as with the first orb ... the orbs moved away, disappearing as the distance from the women increased.

The total encounter lasted about one-half hour. Theresa stated that at no time were any of the women afraid.

If you are one to dismiss this story as a little bit of hysteria, let it be known that Theresa and her friends are not the only people to have witnessed these strange and unusual lights in Silver Cliff. I have taken the liberty of reprinting a story I found on the "Legends of America" website which tells of another such encounter.

Ghost Lights of the Silver Cliff Cemetery

By Patty Quinn

Many people believe this to be an old ghost legend. It has been carried down since the beginnings of the towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff. The legend is the ghost lights of the Silver Cliff Cemetery.

Up until two months ago, I myself would have written this legend off as a bit of silly fun. No longer will I say this, for I have seen them in person.

It began as a family history project. My grandfather is buried in the Silver Cliff Cemetery. Now, it should be noted that there are actually two cemeteries - one is for the Catholics, one for the Protestants. I'm told the one granddad is buried in is the Catholic Cemetery. The other one is called the Cross of The Assumption Cemetery.

My sister and I, along with two friends, decided to investigate these lights for ourselves. We arrived at about 8:00 p.m. on a night this past July [2005]. After visiting granddad's grave and saying a few words, we drove another few hundred feet to the Cross of The Assumption Cemetery and settled in. Two of us were armed with cameras, one a digital, and the other a cheap pocket camera. I will state right here - I did NOT have a flash capability on my cheap pocket camera. The digital camera was NOT set for flash, and it did not go off at any time.

The four of us more or less separated once we got there. My sister stayed with the car and sat on the hood. We three started off walking around. I'll admit I'm a "fraidy cat" and I didn't leave my friend's side. His wife, however, took off on her own and wandered around all over the place.

Around 9:00, the first lights were seen. They were small, most about the size of a pinky finger nail. They ranged in color from blue to green to white to yellow, and various combinations of these colors. As time went on, the lights became more numerous, larger, and more active. Some seemed to be extremely active, darting from headstone to headstone, never stopping. Others seemed to float in a "lazy fashion," landing in the grass, on headstones, just wherever.

By 10:00, many were as big as 3-4 inches in diameter, and many glowed brightly. As we stood facing the large white marble cross in the center of the cemetery, we all noticed an orangish glow begin. It was to our left, at the extreme border of the cemetery. As we watched it, the glow became larger, brighter, and seemed to luminesce. It grew to the size of a football and resembled the glow of a campfire.

The various lights seemed to start gravitating toward this glow. They would dart toward it, then return, landing here and there. We tried approaching, but as we got closer, the light became dimmer. When we retreated, it began glowing brightly again.

One odd occurrence was with the large cross. Made of a white stone (probably marble), in the night it had a "ghostly" pale gray white cast to it. My friend with the digital camera (an amateur photography buff) took a picture of it. The result in her view lens? The cross glowed a dull, deep red. Running up one side of the cross was what resembled a string of teeny, tiny Christmas lights. They appeared to be shooting towards the sky.

The other odd occurrence was with my friend. As she walked along through the cemetery, we all noticed that some of the lights seemed to start "following" her. They danced around her and stayed right with her. When we tried getting near to her, they would move away. When we retreated, they would come back. She could see them around her.
As 11:00 approached, the lights were now close enough to us that we could reach out and almost touch them. They no longer moved away from us, nor did they dim. I can state positively they were NOT fireflies nor glowing bugs of any kind.

It was as if you were touching air.

What we saw, I don't know. But I do believe. And I do want to state this - people claim that it's caused by the town lights reflecting up into the sky and back down onto the tombstones. They state that it's stars reflecting off the shiny surface of the tombstones. I'd like to make a point here, something that I have not seen pointed out.

These tombstones are OLD, for the most part. They are aged and weathered. ANY shiny surface on 90% of them has long since worn away. They are dull, dirty and look very much as old as they are. What's left on them to reflect? And, since dried, prairie grass does NOT reflect anything, what could explain them being in the grassy sections?

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The conditions the night we were there - no moon, no stars. Cloudy, overcast, a bad storm moving in (which actually started the forest fire in Southern Colorado outside of Pueblo.) No, they were NOT from the lightning. That was striking a good 60 miles from us.

And if they ARE reflections from the lights in town, can anyone explain why they have been seen up there since BEFORE there was electricity in the area? That rules that "explanation" out completely.

I have also not yet ran across any articles of people actually being able to get near enough to them to reach their hands out to touch. We did. We took our time, stayed almost totally silent for the almost 4 1/2 hours we were there. We were slow in our movements, almost sluggish. We were gentle when talking about them, keeping our voices to an almost whisper. We spoke about them with a reverence and awe, which seemed to feel right to all of us. When we did finally call it a night and retreated to the car, we were surprised to find them all around the car, once again, close enough to touch. They did not diminish in our headlights as we left.
I believe they are of the Sidhe. (pronounced shee-Gaelic for fairies.) And whatever they may be, I DO now believe.
(Source: http://www.legendsofamerica.com/CP-GhostLights.html)

Anyone wishing to obtain more information on the Silver Cliff orbs may go to any search engine on the Internet and type in "Silver Cliff cemeteries." The town of Silver Cliff is loaded with history and, yes, strange lights that bedazzle those who see them.

(Thanks to my daughter, Theresa, for her first hand account and for alerting us to the strangeness of the Silver Cliff cemeteries.)

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